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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Conversation with General Carroll concerning his
Appearance before the Senate Appropriations Committee**

1. I talked to General Carroll on the telephone this morning about his appearance before the Senate Appropriations Committee. I said as there seems to be some considerable confusion about the size and organization of the Intelligence Community in the minds of the Congressional leaders, the DCI might very well wish to make some sort of positive presentation with a view to clarifying the roles, missions and contributions of the Community as a whole. General Carroll thought this would be a constructive thing to do. He has not yet talked to General Blake about the latter's appearance (see my memorandum for the record on this subject).

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4. General Carroll said that there was a good deal of confusion manifested by the Committee about the responsibilities of particular intelligence agencies. When asked about his relationship

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with NSA, General Carroll stated that he was a customer and in no sense involved in the management of NSA. He apparently referred to the role of USIB.

5. The discussion of the numbers of people involved in intelligence provoked the question "With all these people, how could we be wrong about Castro?"

6. Senator Symington apparently probed the USIB question. He wanted to know the current membership. General Carroll explained that this has now been curtailed as a result of the recommendation made in 1960 which was finally implemented in 1963 after the emergence of DIA and other developments had made it possible to reduce the role of the Services. He explained that the Service Chiefs still attend meetings of USIB and retain the right to dissent on estimates. Symington said something to the effect of "this makes matters worse." General Carroll did not understand the point which Symington was trying to put across. He apparently referred to his experience when the Service Secretaries were removed from the NSC. Whether he was suggesting that the Service Intelligence Chiefs should be restored to full membership or totally eliminated from USIB was not clear to General Carroll, and is certainly not clear to me.

7. Senator Symington also wanted to know what would happen if everybody on USIB voted against the DCI. General Carroll apparently answered that this wouldn't happen and if it did, the DCI's estimate would stand with a record of everybody's dissent.

8. Senator Symington then wanted to know what would happen if a similar dispute arose over some subject other than an estimate involving a proposed course of action or decision. General Carroll explained that the right of members to appeal to the NSC is reserved in the appropriate NSCID. He said that he himself, if such a contingency would arise, would submit the question to the Secretary of Defense who would then be at liberty to raise the matter at the NSC.

9. At the conclusion of the hearing Senator Symington asked General Carroll for a statement setting forth General Carroll's views as to how the Community should be managed. Senator Russell interposed to the effect that this was not General Carroll's business and General Carroll considers himself relieved of this commitment.

10. General Carroll would be glad to collaborate in the preparation of a presentation by the DCI to either or both Congressional Committees, if this appears desirable. He will let us have a copy of a statement which he is submitting in response to inquiries at this particular hearing.

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